

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. **(currently amended)** A scale having a scale housing (3) serving to house a for housing the weighing mechanism and the weighing electronics, the scale housing standing on that stands on a support base on at least three support points (5, 5'), the scale comprising :

a display and operating unit ;and (6), ~~which is designed to be connectable to and disconnectable from the scale (1),~~

~~wherein~~ a connection element for mechanically coupling (9) ~~is provided to produce a mechanical coupling between~~ the scale (1) and the display and operating unit (6), ~~characterized in that~~ the connection element being (9) is attachable to the bottom of the scale housing, (3) and is designed to be supported on a first two of the at least three two support points (5) ~~of the scale (1)~~ and engagable ~~can be engaged~~ in a self-locating way in a location ~~third support point (13)~~ on the bottom side of the scale housing (3).

2. **(currently amended)** The scale according to claim 1, wherein: ~~characterized in that~~

the connection element (9) is designed for ~~a tool-free~~ attachment and removal of the display and operating unit (6) to and from the scale housing in a tool-free manner (3).

3. **(currently amended)** The scale according to claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, further comprising: ~~characterized in that~~

a coupling part, positioned on the bottom side of the scale housing, for (13), ~~in which~~ the connection element to engage (9) ~~engages~~ in a self-centering way, ~~is positioned on the bottom side of the scale housing (3).~~

4. **(currently amended)** The scale according to claim 3, wherein: ~~characterized in that~~

the coupling part is positioned on (13) ~~is attached to the bottom side of~~ the scale housing (3) close to the third support point (5').

5. **(currently amended)** The scale according to claim 3 ~~or 4~~, wherein:
~~characterized in that~~

the coupling part (13) has the form of two isosceles triangles which are connected to each other, the first triangle (18) representing an acute-angled isosceles triangle and the second triangle, that faces towards the connection element (9) in the installed state, representing an obtuse-angled isosceles triangle (19).

6. **(currently amended)** The scale according to claim 3, ~~4, or 5~~, wherein:
~~characterized in that~~

the coupling part (13) comprises elastic catch elements (21) having bulges (26), which are formed to engage in recesses (29) of the connection element (9).

7. **(currently amended)** The scale according to claim 6, wherein: ~~one of the claims 1 to 6, characterized in that~~

the connection element [(9),] is designed to be very flat, and is manufactured from one of: an approximately 0.5 to 2 mm thick sheet of aluminium, [[or]] a sheet of steel, and plastic ~~or as a plastic part~~.

8. **(currently amended)** The scale according to claim 7, wherein: ~~one of the claims 1 to 7, characterized in that~~

each of the first two support points (5) that support the connection element
comprise ~~comprising~~ a wheel (11) for adjusting the level of the scale, the connection
element being supported on the top of the wheel ~~the adjustment to level the scale (1)~~
~~and that the connection element (9) is supported on the top of a wheel (11).~~

9. **(currently amended)** The scale according to claim 8, wherein: ~~one of the claims 1 to 8, characterized in that~~

the connection element (9) is designed to be oriented in the installed state parallel to the support base ~~of the scale (1)~~ up to approximately the area of the first two support points ~~point (5)~~ and subsequently is bent by an angle α in the direction towards the coupling part (13) in order to provide simple engagement with the coupling part (13).

10. **(currently amended)** The scale according to claim 9, wherein: ~~one of the claims 1 to 9, characterized in that~~ the display and operating unit (6) and the scale (1) stand independently from each other on the support base ~~independently from each other~~.

11. **(currently amended)** The scale according to ~~one of the claims 1 to~~ claim 10, further comprising:

a guide groove (16) on the bottom side of the scale housing to guide (3) ~~for the guidance of an unneeded cable~~ length of a ~~the~~ connection cable between the scale (1) and the display and operating unit (6).

12. **(currently amended)** The scale according to ~~one of the claims 1 to~~ claim 11, further comprising: ~~characterized in that the scale housing (3) has~~ recessed grips (24) on both sides of the scale housing.

13. **(new)** The scale according to claim 1, further comprising:

a coupling part, positioned on the bottom side of the scale housing, for the connection element to engage in a self-centering way.

14. **(new)** The scale according to claim 13, wherein:

the coupling part is positioned on the scale housing close to the third support point.

15. **(new)** The scale according to claim 3, wherein:

the coupling part has the form of two isosceles triangles which are connected to each other, the first triangle representing an acute-angled isosceles triangle and the

second triangle, that faces towards the connection element in the installed state, representing an obtuse-angled isosceles triangle.

16. **(new)** The scale according to claim 3, wherein:

the coupling part comprises elastic catch elements having bulges, which are formed to engage in recesses of the connection element.

17. **(new)** The scale according to claim 1, wherein:

the connection element is designed to be very flat, and is manufactured from one of: an approximately 0.5 to 2 mm thick sheet of aluminium, a sheet of steel, and plastic.

18. **(new)** The scale according to claim 1, wherein:

each of the first two support points that support the connection element comprise a wheel for adjusting the level of the scale, the connection element being supported on the top of the wheel.

19. **(new)** The scale according to claim 1, wherein:

the connection element is designed to be oriented in the installed state parallel to the support base up to approximately the area of the first two support points and subsequently is bent by an angle α in the direction towards the coupling part, in order to provide simple engagement with the coupling part.

20. **(new)** The scale according to claim 1, wherein:

the display and operating unit and the scale stand independently from each other on the support base.